

**NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**01/10/2020**

Friday, January 10, 2020, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM MDT  
DNA-People's Legal Services Offices, Window Rock (library)  
Conference Call-in Information:  
1-877-366-0711  
Participant Passcode: 85098338

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

Meeting called to Order by President Troy Eid @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call: Commissioners:**

Mariana Kahn, CH	P/T/A
Gertrude Lee, CP	P/T/A
Dr. James Nez, KY	P/T/A
Alisha Thompson, ART	P/T/A
Rachel Felix, Shiprock	P/T/A
Cecelia Tallman, TC	P/T/A
Dennis Glanzer, TC	P/T/A
Lisa Yellow-Eagle, WR	P/T/A
Colleen Silversmith, WR	P/T/A
Rhonda Tuni, WR	P/T/A

QUORUM (6) \_\_\_\_ present + \_\_\_\_ proxies = \_\_\_\_\_ BOBC attending when meeting was called to order.

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Officers:**

Troy A. Eid, NNBA President	P/T/A
LaVerne H. Garnenez, Vice President	P/T/A
Julia K. Guarino, Secretary	P/T/A
Neomi Gilmore, Treasurer	P/T/A
Brian K. Nichols, Advisor	P/T/A
NNBA Adm. Staff: Yolanda Wauneka, NNBA Executive Director	P/T/A
NNBA Adm. Staff: Alexandria Wauneka, NNBA Deputy Director	P/T/A

**I. Invocation**

**II. Welcome: Troy A. Eid, President and LaVerne Garnenez, Vice President**

**III. Adoption of Agenda for Board Meeting: [ x ] Regular; [ ] Special; [ ] Annual**

**IV. Old Business**

- a. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

**V. Reports**

- a. Budget & Finance Report—NNBA Counselor and Acting Treasurer Brian Nichols

**VI. New Business**

- a. Report by NNBA Member James Ledbetter re: Warfield v. Ledbetter Law Firm and the regulation of Navajo law practice by the Arizona State Courts
- b. Summary: After learning from several NNBA members about the attached Arizona Court of Appeals decision, which Laverne and I encourage all of you to read, I reached out to longtime NNBA member Jim Ledbetter and invited him to discuss this recent case and its implications. It has been suggested that NNBA might get involved in a potential amicus brief to the Arizona Supreme Court and/or other wise in on this important matter.
- c. Report by Katherine Belzowski/ Navajo Nation Department of Justice and representatives from New Mexico Legal Aid's Safe2bu Program.  
<https://www.newmexicolegalaid.org/safe2bu>

SUMMARY: New Mexico Legal Aid has been actively working on the Nation, including with the Navajo Judicial Branch, through its Safe To Be You! Program, which (in NMLA's words) "make[s] sure LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking can access civil legal assistance wherever they are in New Mexico. Project staff are dedicated to providing free civil legal services – legal advice, referrals and/or full attorney representation in court – to address the broad range of legal needs within the LGBTQ+ community." NMLA would like to explore a partnership with NNBA to support Tribal Advocate training on the Nation.

- d. Update Reports on the Bar Exam/Bar Review course (Honorable Robert Yazzie)
- e. Annual NNBA conference (Yolanda) and the proposed Spring Navajo Law conference in Albuquerque (Yolanda)
- f. Committee Chair reports.
- g. New Business and Adjourn.

**VII. Next Regular Commissioners' Meeting Date and Time:**

**VIII. Adjournment @ \_\_\_\_\_**